

Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting
Held on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jack Clark, Chairperson
Ron Lane, Mayor
Deborah Woods, Citizen Representative
Scott McDougall, Citizen Representative (arrived at 7:40)
Larry Eirikson, Councillor (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Joyce Foster, Citizen
Ken McKenzie, Citizen
Charlie Turner, Citizen

Change/Addition to Agenda:

Moved by Deborah Woods

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the following items be added to the October 25, 2017 General Government Committee Agenda:

Change: Item 5 Adjournment becomes Item 6

Add: Item 5 In Camera i) Staff and ii) Sale of Property

Carried

1. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest** – none declared
2. **Adoption of the October 2, 2017 Minutes**

Moved by Deborah Woods

Seconded by Ron Lane

THAT the minutes of the October 2, 2017 Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. **Business Arising out of the Minutes**

- i) **Procurement Policy** – Policy was reviewed by the committee. Some changes were made.

Moved by Deborah Woods

Seconded by Scott McDougall

THAT the General Government Committee recommends to Council to approve the Procurement Policy as amended.

Carried

- ii) **Vendor Policy** – Annette made the changes as per the last meeting and circulated the new document via email. She also circulated copies of a similar policy from another community and asked if it was more in line with the direction the committee wanted to go. Discussion ensued. Committee to review and submit suggestions within two weeks and she will make a draft for circulation and review at next meeting.
- iii) **Strategic Plan Discussion** - tabled
- iv) **Residential Tenancy** – Continue to table until CBO agreement reached
- v) **Property Standards** – Annette has advised that two orders have been drafted. However, she has not been designated a By-law Officer for the purpose of the Property Standards By-law. An amendment by Council will be required in order to issue the orders.
- vi) reThink Green Project – Annette advised that she continues to work with reThink Green to complete the funding application.
- vii) **Splash Pad** – Application for funding to Trillium was sent today. We can start the RFP process prior to receiving any potential approval of funding provided we do not expend any monies. Plan to commence with the hydro permits required. Need to decide on a design, location, etc Ron and Scott wants a lighthouse with a nautical theme. Ensure fixtures can be interchanged/upgraded.
- viii) **Community Improvement Plan** – Annette advised to delay a decision on this until she gathers more research on other potential options that may be more advantageous to the municipality including business incubators, community planning permits, inclusionary zoning and capital facilities agreements. Committee agreed to defer until more information received
- ix) **Seniors Centre Operations** – Ron updated the committee. We will be hosting a public meeting in the near future to discuss future operations, access and programming for the centre. It will be advertised in newspaper, website and facebook.

4. New Business

- i) **Deer Management** - By-laws regarding Deer Feeding and Discharge of Firearms were circulated to the committee. Annette advised she contacted Wayne Sellinger at MNR but his voice mail indicated he is not available until tomorrow. Will report back with more information at next meeting. Discussion ensued. Questioned the designated areas and the specific types of firearms. Jack asked if the 300m distance would be met at the requested locations ie Charlie Turner, Blaine Armstrong and George Purvis properties. It was felt that the 300m distance could not be met. Ron indicated that the current by-law allows for special permits on designated locations and the property owners are not requesting their permits. One of the landowners felt it would be better to have permits later in the year (December) vs September, either before or after the regular hunting season. Ron suggested checking with MNR to see if permits are being issued and if not, why. Also request that more permits be issued and extend the permit time frames. Joyce indicated there would be a couple of other areas Eric Reudiger and John Turners property. Need to determine lot information for these properties. Relocation doesn't work. Sterilization program out west

was 200.00 per deer. Not sure if program available here. Need to get rid of 25 to 30 per year.

Ron noted that the by-law needs to be amended to prevent a landowner from granting permission to another person to discharge a firearm on their property; Further that landowner is to be charged if this section was breached.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Larry Eirikson

THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that the following amendment be made to By-law No. 2007-2:

Add the words "or authorize" to Section 2 (a) & Section 2 (b) after "No person shall discharge".

Carried

Deer Feeding By-law – Ron has an issue with the definition of 1 (b) and requested an addition to Section 3 to ensure owners or occupants of land are not penalized for having bird feeders that might result in deer feeding from spilled feed.

Moved by Ron Lane

Seconded by Deborah Woods

THAT the General Government Committee recommend to Council that the following amendment be made to By-law No. 2005-17:

Add: Section 3(b) to state as follows "This by-law shall not apply to any owner or occupier of land that makes food available for the primary purpose of feeding birds."

Carried

Committee authorized advertising the requirements of the Deer Feeding By-law in newspaper, facebook and website.

Joyce asked if there was consideration given to contacting the Provincial Government to petition them to address the deer population problem. Committee didn't feel this would help.

Ken McKenzie asked if his dog can chase deer on his own property. He was advised that there is no town by-law prohibiting it but he should check with MNR regarding ministry laws.

5. In Camera

Moved by Scott McDougall

Seconded by Deborah Woods

THAT we enter an in camera session at 9:31 p.m. to discuss

i) Staff

ii) Sale of Property

Carried

Moved by Larry Eirikson

Seconded by Deborah Woods

THAT we come out of in camera session and re enter the regular meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Carried

6. Adjournment

Moved by Deborah Woods

THAT we adjourn at 10:10 p.m.

Carried

Minutes prepared by
Annette Clarke, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer